

APPROVED: Meeting No. 8-88

ATTEST:

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 4-88

February 3, 1988

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Work Session on Wednesday, February 3, 1988, in the Boards and Commissions Conference Room, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilwoman Viola Hovsepien

Councilman James Coyle

ABSENT

Councilman Steve Abrams
(illness)

Councilman David Robbins
(travel leave)

Re: Work Session: Census

The Mayor and Council discussed the following items:

1. Rockville as sanctuary
2. Rockville assistance in alien/minority count
3. Deletion of questions re: housing at block level

Mr. Manduley, Montgomery County Director of Minority Affairs, reported to the Council on the Montgomery County activities and the fact that he is working to have Rockville established as a pilot program. The Mayor and Council agreed that they would issue a statement restating the City policy. In the meantime, the City will work with the County to cooperate with the Census Bureau for "Count" purposes. The Mayor and Council will contact the Civic Associations for further assistance in the Census and the City Manager

will suggest options or alternatives to the Mayor and Council on the block count.

Re: Work Session: Cultural Arts
Commission

Present for the Cultural Arts Commission were Chairman John Tyner, and members Kenneth Lechter, Eileen Mader, Elaine Hartogensis, Ellie Chamberlain, Judy Greenburg and Beverly Nelson.

The Cultural Arts Commission reported on their accomplishments this past year and their current work program as follows:

I. Accomplishments this past year

- a. Round I Art in Public Places - Monument Park, Gude Drive, Broome Park
- b. Civic Center Complex Temporary Sculpture Exhibit
- c. Establishment of Rockville Arts Place, Inc.
- d. Initiation of Round II - Orchard Ridge Park, Lincoln Park Rec Center, Montrose Rec Center
- e. Recommendations to Mayor and Council re: Mansion decorating policies
- f. Artist copyright policy set by Mayor and Council

II. Current Work Program

- a. Art in Public Places brochure
- b. Call for Entries for Round II
- c. Call for Entries for 2nd Temporary Sculpture Exhibit
- d. Awaiting response from Sister Cities Corp re: Pinneberg project
- e. Input to FY 1989 Budget

III. Mayor and Council Items

The Mayor and Council discussed the following items:

1. Update on Rockville Arts Place

Ms. Greenberg reported to the Council on the progress to date.

2. Annual Rockville Festival of the Arts, drawing on the cultural heritage of residents. - Major performing group.

The Commission will return to the Mayor and Council with suggestions for the festival.

3. Policy for philosophy for public support of the arts in Rockville,
Rockville residency requirements for theatre groups, and In-Kind
Service requirement for arts groups

This was discussed at length. The Commission will return with ideas since the 60/40% membership goal is difficult to attain In-Kind efforts and suggestions will be brought forward.

4. Resurrection of STAR-like group in Rockville and Issue of FITZ-Tick
coordinated ticket sales for Rockville events.

There is no new information on this at this time, however, it is unlikely that a star group would be resurrected.

5. Future funding levels for Art in Public Places.

The Mayor and Council reviewed the budget submitted by the staff and it was the consensus of the Council that the budget was realistic.

The Mayor and Council thanked the members of the Cultural Arts Commission for coming to meet with them.

Re: Historic District Commission

Present for the Historic District Commission were Chairman Michael Patterson, and members Sue Collett-Velasquez, and Betsy Muth.

The Mayor and Council discussed the following:

1. Tax Credits Program

The Mayor and Council were presented with the following three options:

- a. City Tax Credit Program
- b. Montgomery County Tax Credit Program
- c. A Combination of both City and Montgomery County

The Council agreed a letter will be sent to Montgomery County in order to begin the process and see if it is possible that the County tax law can be

amended to extend tax credits to owners of designated historic properties in Rockville. Once this information is obtained, the Council can proceed.

The Mayor and Council thanked the Historic District Commission for meeting with them.

Re: Executive Session

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Work Session, the meeting was closed for Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Re: Adjournment

The being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. to convene again in Executive Session on Saturday, February 6, 1988, at 8:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.